

Being Explicit About Security Weaknesses

Robert A. Martin. Software acquirers want assurance that the products they are obtaining are reviewed for known types of security weaknesses. Acquisition groups in large government and private organizations are beginning to use such reviews as part of future contracts, but the tools and services for performing them are new and, until recently, there was no nomenclature, taxonomy, or standard to define their capabilities and coverage. A standard dictionary of software security weaknesses has been created by the community to serve as a unifying language of discourse and as a measuring stick for comparing tools and services.

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1. <https://buildsecurityin.us-cert.gov/adm-bsi/1185-BSI.html>